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Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 19-21. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1. Canceled.
2. (Previously Presented) A tablet comprising a core and a coating thereof, wherein at least about 95% by weight of the core is an aliphatic amine polymer selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted and N-substituted poly(allylamine), poly(diallylamine), and poly(vinylamine).
3. (Previously Presented) The tablet of Claim 2 wherein the N-substituents are selected from the group consisting of substituted and unsubstituted C₁-C₂₄-alkyl groups.
4. (Previously Presented) The tablet of Claim 3 wherein the alkyl substituents are trialkylammonioalkyl groups.
5. (Previously Presented) The tablet of Claim 2 wherein the aliphatic amine polymer is cross-linked.
6. (Previously Presented) The tablet of Claim 2 further comprising one or more excipients.
7. (Previously Presented) A tablet comprising a core and a coating therefor, wherein at least about 95% by weight of the core is a linear or cross-linked poly(allylamine) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
8. (Previously Presented) The tablet of Claim 7 wherein the poly(allylamine) is hydrated.
9. (Previously Presented) The tablet of Claim 8 wherein the poly(allylamine) comprises from about 3% to about 10% water.

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10. (Previously Presented) The tablet of Claim 9 wherein the poly(allylamine) comprises from about 5% to about 8% water.
11. (Previously Presented) The tablet of Claim 10 wherein the polyallylamine is from about 1% to about 10% cross-linked.
12. (Previously Presented) A tablet comprising a core and a coating therefor, wherein at least about 95% by weight of the core is a hydrated cross-linked poly(allylamine hydrochloride).
13. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 2 wherein the coating is a water-based coating.
14. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 7 wherein the coating is a water-based coating.
15. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 14 wherein said water-based coating comprises hydroxypropylmethylcellulose and a plasticizer.
16. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 15 wherein said water-based coating comprises hydroxypropylmethylcellulose low viscosity, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose high viscosity, and diacetylated monoglyceride.
17. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 2 wherein said polymer is polydiallylamine.
18. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 17 wherein said tablet further comprises a water-based coating.
- 19.-21. Canceled.
22. (Previously Presented) A tablet comprising a core and a coating therefor, wherein at least about 95% by weight of the core is a linear or cross-linked poly(allylamine) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the moisture content of the

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poly(allylamine) is from about 5% to about 9% by weight, wherein the hardness of the tablet is at least about 150 N and wherein the friability of the tablet is no more than 0.8%.

23. (Previously Presented) A tablet comprising a core and a coating therefor, wherein the core comprises 98% by weight sevelamer hydrochloride with a moisture content of 6% by weight, 1% by weight colloidal silicon dioxide and 1% by weight stearic acid, and wherein the coating is a mixture comprising 38.5% w/w low viscosity hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, 38.5% high viscosity hydroxypropylmethylcellulose and 23% w/w diacetylated monoglyceride.